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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-219280, published August 27, 1993 (with English abstract).
2. International Patent Application Publication No. 01/30025, published April 26, 2001.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-47855, published February 18, 2000 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the

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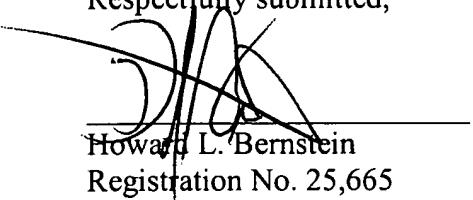
merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action, dated June 9, 2006, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree for relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Note (for the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

- Claims: 1, 3–5, 8, and 9
- Cited literature: 1
- Remarks

Cited Literature 1 describes a laser beam printer which detects commercial AC power supply voltage, determines the country where the laser beam printer is installed based on the power supply voltage and performs settings according to the country.

Therefore, the inventions relating to Claims 1, 3–5, 8, and 9 of the present application are not found to have a remarkable point of difference as compared to the invention described in Cited Literature 1.

- Claims: 2–5 and 8
- Cited literature: 1 and 2
- Remarks

Cited Literature 2 describes a Bluetooth device which determines the country code based on a GSM signal containing the country code or the like, and determines the wireless frequency based on the country code (see page 7, line 4 through page 14, line 23).

Comparing the invention according to Claims 2–5 and 8 of the present application to the invention described in Cited Literature 2, the inventions of the present application detect the input alternating current power supply voltage and discriminate the country in which an electronic device is located based on the voltage, which differs from the invention described in Cited Literature 2 in that the latter discriminates the country where an electronic device is located based on a GSM signal containing the country code or the like.

However, discriminating the country where an electronic device is located based on voltage is publicly known art, as described in Cited Literature 1. Thus, employing the art of Cited Literature 1 as the means of discriminating the country in the invention described in Cited Literature 2, thereby arriving at the arrangement of the inventions according to Claims 2–5 and 8 of the present application, is a matter which could be easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art.

- Claims: 6–8
- Cited literature: 3
- Remarks

Cited Literature 3 describes a portable electronic device which displays settable region information on a screen, and performs initialization according to the region selected from a list using an input means (see paragraphs (0006), (0019) – (0029), and Figure 9).

Therefore, the inventions relating to Claims 6–8 of the present application are not found to have any remarkably different points as compared to the invention described in Cited Literature 3.

If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a notification of reasons for rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H05-219280
2. International Publication WO 01/30025 pamphlet
2. [sic] Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-047855

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

- Fields searched IPC H04L 12/28–46

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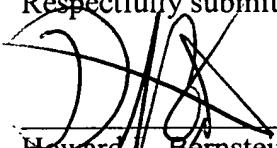
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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